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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President

THANK YOU! UNITED WE STAND - UNITED WE STAYED

During the last week of February, members of UNOE attended 2 city council meetings, one on Monday and a return on Wednesday, and we stayed until the end....hours each night to be exact.

UNOE presence was able to get a positive vote for a revised ordinance for EPD's Crime Free Multi Housing and for owners of residential property in the city.

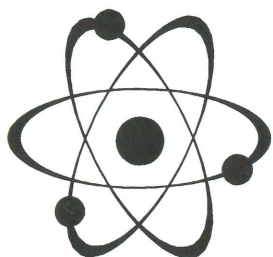


For several years, members of the EPD had studied and presented a Crime Free Multi Housing program as a way to get in touch with absentee landlords. It was a long road, but in the end EPD and Rental Unit owners were in agreement on how this program would work for the betterment of the community. The most important factor was that all worked together to have a positive outcome for the city, under the guidance of City Attorney, Ted Ziemer and Rental Unit Attorney, Jeff Wilhite.

UNOE represents all residents whether they own or rent and it is important that we all work together. EPD is pleased; POMA is pleased; and UNOE made an impact on a positive outcome for the passing of this ordinance.

Thank you, you all made UNOE STAND TALL,

Charleen



If any neighborhood associations want someone from ***Energize Evansville*** to come to their meeting and make a brief presentation about fitness tips or a quick exercise program, there is a speakers bureau of volunteer professionals that would love to share their knowledge. These can be set up through Marianne in the Mayor's Office at 436-4969.

UPOMING UNOE DATES

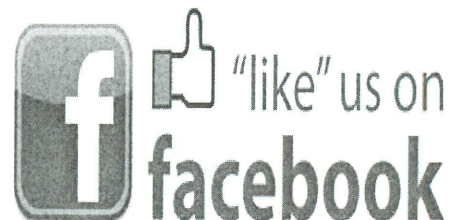
Mar. 12th - Finance Comm.
Meeting
Mar. 20th- Board Meeting
Mar. 28th- General Meeting

***Note
Worthy***

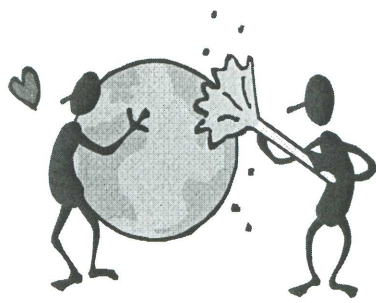


Ms. Daphne Robinson, a member of the Tepe Park N.A. was elected as Vice Chairman of the Evansville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners at their February 26th meeting. Daphne is a retired school teacher with the EVSC. She became a Commissioner by Mayoral appointment in January 2005-December 2007 and a second term from January 2011 to February 2013. She has served as the Interim Executive Director of The Evansville Housing Authority from 12-10/9-11. Congratulations!

***"Outreach Public Health Services/
Vanderburgh County Health
Department Resource Guides"*** are
available at the office for
NA President pick up.



EARTH DAY



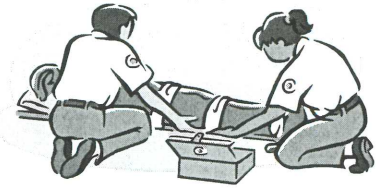
**SATURDAY,
April 20, 2013
Wesselman
Nature Preserve
10:10 am to
4:00 pm**

A community-wide celebration of the birthday of Earth Day! Join us for a fun-filled day of family activities in the outdoors at the beautiful Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Visit interactive displays and activities demonstrating eco-friendly practices and products, take guided hikes, enjoy children's activities and hands-on crafts, encounter live animals, watch themed shows, enjoy live music, and much more,

More information about the Earth Day event can be found at: <http://www.wesselmannaturesociety.org/events/earthday.php>

CERT = Community Emergency Response Team

A new spring CERT class is forming, starting Sat April 6 and continue each subsequent Saturday thru April 27th. (Final class and Graduation) Class runs each Saturday from 8 am - 4 pm. Classes start promptly at 8 am, since there will be a lot to cover.



Each person will need to complete an application form, a background check and a photo release form as soon as possible. Forms can be obtained at EMA Office, 708 Stanley Ave. Classes will be held at our Harmony Way Training Center, 1430 Harmony Way. (Turn L on Carl Ave (just north of Hilltop Inn and Mater Dei, at the old Industrial School Building.) You will see the yellow building....go to the back.

Ask a friend or neighbor if they would like to take the class with you, just complete the application forms and join the class.

- Carolyn Stagg



... coming May 19th. Mark your calendars and watch for details next month!

The Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Commission is looking for Contractors to mow vacant and non-maintained properties in the City of Evansville. They are looking for Contractors large or small. Some might be interested only in properties in their immediate neighborhood or a large Commercial Company that wants to work all around the City.

Please contact Ron Beane or Chrystal Harper at 812-436-7885 for more information.



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CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

As a key part of the community, *the City of Evansville* invites you to share your vision for Evansville's future through sessions, facilitated by Leadership Evansville, all across our city.



What would you like to see in Evansville's future



We need you because it takes all of us to create our future

The next session will be:

**March 21, 2013
Memorial Baptist Church
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Let your voice be heard!



Billy Bolin
Chief of Police

Evansville Police Department

15 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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To all our United Neighborhood families,

Eric and I wanted to extend a sincere *Thank You* to all the neighborhood association members (and their families) that showed up over the last few days to support our efforts at addressing recurring problems on rental properties. The ordinance that passed wasn't the one we presented, but we understand that sometimes compromises have to be made in order to move forward, and the changes to the ordinance didn't dilute its intent or efficacy. We strongly believe that we will have a better Evansville as a result of what we all were able to accomplish by working together.

There is more to come. The Crime Free Multi-Housing© program is scheduled to begin in April, with great local support from both property owners and property associations. We intend to revisit the Drug House Ordinance in regards to addressing nuisance activities, and how to use it to further curtail how problem tenants destroy the quality of life of others around them. With all the cogs in this crime-prevention wheel working in unison, the people who have Evansville's best interests in mind have a good chance of reclaiming lost ground.

As we've stated, we're very grateful and proud of our Neighborhood Associations. It's been an honor and a privilege to have been the Crime Prevention Officers for so many good people. Never lose sight of what a community of people coming together with a common goal and good intentions can accomplish. Our doors are always open, and please feel free to contact us any time. We may have switched desks, but not purposes.

Lastly, a big shout-out goes to Councilman Missy Mosby for her efforts on this ordinance and the Crime Free Multi-Housing program. She's been a tireless champion of both, and her support has been most appreciated. From the Evansville Police Department, thanks to her, and to you all.

Your Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinators,
Kevin Corbin & Eric Krogman

March Street Closing:



The Great Lakes Valley Basketball
Tournament
will be held at the Ford Center
March 7th through March 10th.

The following streets will be closed
during the tournament:

6th Street between Locust and Main Streets
Main Street between 6th and ML King Blvd.

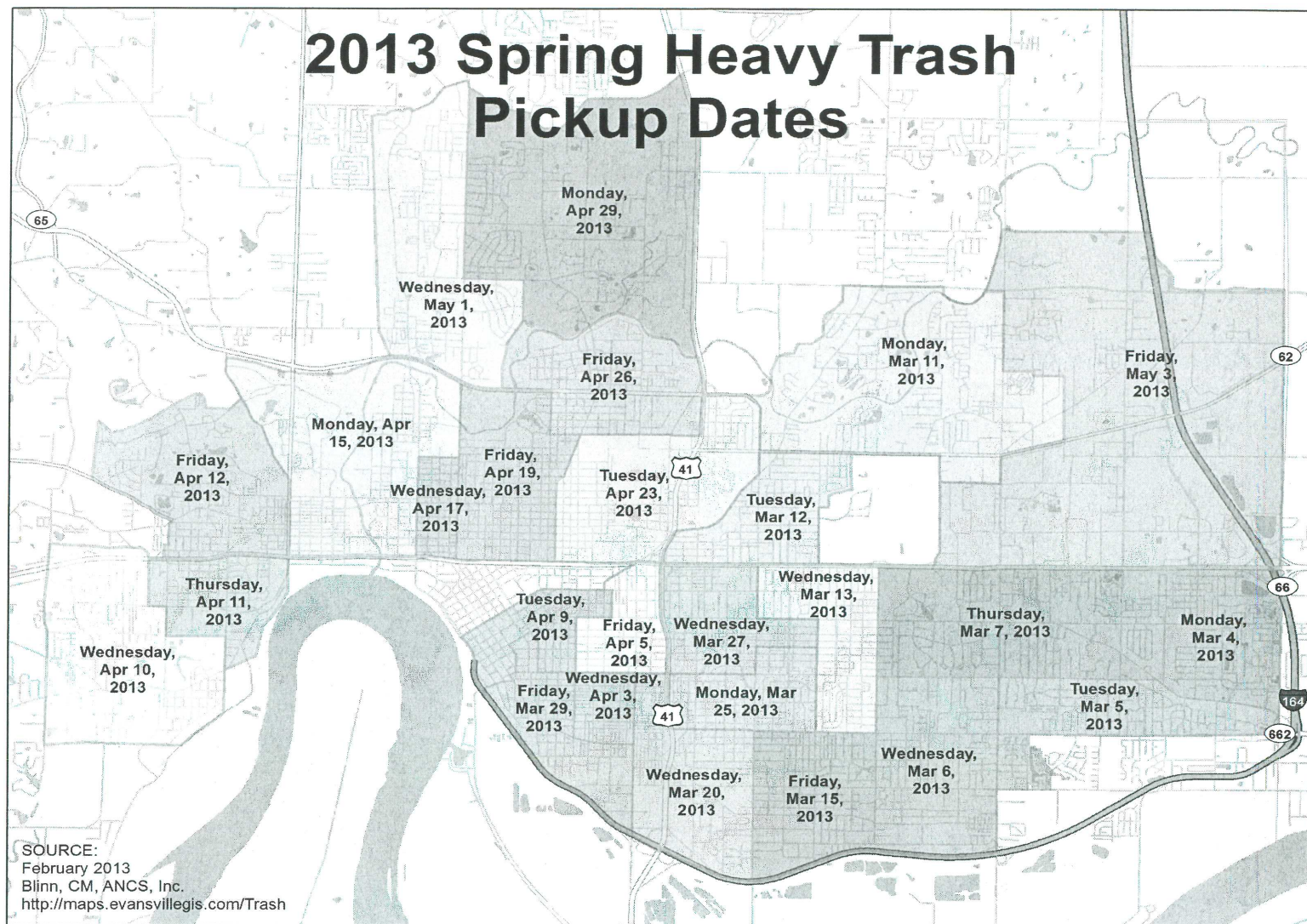
Coffee with a Cop

***Tuesday, March 19th
7:00am - 9:00am***

***Donut Bank located at
1031 E. Diamond Avenue***



2013 Spring Heavy Trash Pickup Dates



GET YOUR 2012 TAXES PREPARED FREE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program of the IRS offers free tax return preparation for individuals with low to moderate income.

You may qualify if You have taxable income of **up to \$50,000** with dependents

Appointments are available at the Legal Aid Society on Monday afternoons from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** - **February 4 through April 15, 2013.** Appointments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Call **435-5173** before 11:30 a.m. to make an appointment for the IRS VITA SITE at the Legal Aid Society in Room 105 of the Civic Center Complex.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT and bring the following with you to your appointment:

- Drivers License or Picture Identification Card
- Social Security Card for *each* adult and child
- All Wage and Earnings Statements (W-2, 1099, etc.)
- Social Security Benefit Statements
- Unemployment Statements
- All Interest and/or Dividend Statements
- Last Year's State and Federal Tax Returns
- Landlord Name and Address and the Total Amount Rent Paid
- Proof of Real Estate Taxes Paid
- Proof of Educational Expenses
- Child Care Provider's Name/Address/SSN/TIN# & Amount Paid

Program exclusions may prevent us from preparing more complex returns at this site.

Announcements

- **Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting**-Thursday, March 7th, 4:00pm, in the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**- Saturday, March 9th 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Finance Committee Meeting**-Tuesday, March 12th, 9:30am. in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting**-Thursday, March 14th, 6:00pm, at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**- Saturday, March 16th, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting**-Tuesday, March 19th, 6:00pm, at McGary Middle School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**-Wednesday, March 20th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**- Thursday, March 21st, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**-Saturday, March 23rd, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Traveling City Hall**- Wednesday, March 27th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Red Bank Branch Library, 120 S. Red Bank Road.
- **UNOE General Meeting**-Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the C.K. Newsome Center.
- **Recycle Day**- Saturday, April 6th, 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.



Mayor's Traveling City Hall

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Red Bank Branch Library

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

Meet *your*
Legislators

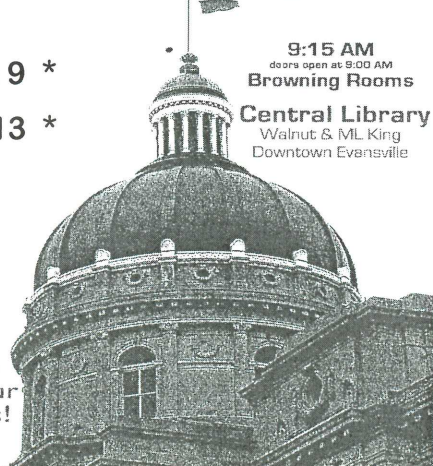
* March 9 *

* April 13 *

9:15 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

2 chances to
influence your
state officials!

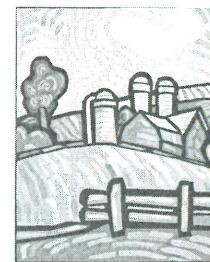


Angel Mounds Spring Farm Fest 8215 Pollack Avenue

March 9: 9 am - 5 pm

March 10: 1-5 pm

Open to the public.



A look at Indiana farming through the ages. Master Gardeners grew a small demonstration garden last year; we hope to increase it this year. Purdue Extension will also have a couple of booths, demonstrating farming techniques (then and now), food preservation, etc. The Magic Gardener will be conducting a Magical Farm show during Saturday's events.

More details about the program can be found here:
<http://www.angelmounds.org/events/spring-farm-fest/>

FREE with general admission.



... continues at Mesker
Park Zoo & Botanical
Gardens through
March 16th. For more information, visit
www.meskerparkzoo.com

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ATTENTION: **ALL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

We will be voting at the March General meeting on By-law changes,
Officers and Board Members-at-Large for 2013.

**Only your Representatives are eligible to vote. Please make sure
your representatives are at the General Meeting.**

If they cannot attend, the NA President can call the
UNOE office at least 24 hours in advance and
designate a proxy for voting at the
March General meeting.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 28th, 2013

6:30-8:00pm C.K. Newsome Center

Program: POMA, Monte Fetter, President
Great American Clean-up, Mike McGarrah, KEB

